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SUBJECT: (SBU) KUDOS FOR REPORTING ON VIOLENCE IN WESTERN
CHINA (C-RE9-01741)

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Classified By: MICHAEL P. OWENS, ACTING DIR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[1](#)1. (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE FOLLOWING THE RECENT VIOLENCE AGAINST ETHNIC UIGHURS IN XINJIANG, CHINA. REFTTEL OFFERED KEY INSIGHTS INTO THE CONTENTIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAN CHINESE AND UIGHURS FUELING THIS UNREST. REFTTEL ALSO INDICATED THE NEGATIVE EFFECT THAT CONTINUED UNREST MAY HAVE ON KAZAKHSTAN DUE TO KAZAKHSTAN'S OWN LARGE UIGHUR POPULATION AND CLOSE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION POST CAN PROVIDE REGARDING CENTRAL ASIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO THE ONGOING CONFLICT, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT.

[1](#)A. (SBU) HOW HAVE CENTRAL ASIAN GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN KAZAKHSTAN, REACTED TO THE EVENTS IN URUMQI? ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS TRIED TO ENLIST THE COOPERATION OF CENTRAL ASIAN GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH?

[1](#)B. (SBU) HOW HAVE THE ETHNIC-UIGHUR COMMUNITIES OF CENTRAL ASIAN STATES (KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, AND TAJIKISTAN)--ESPECIALLY IN KAZAKHSTAN--REACTED TO THE EVENTS IN URUMQI? PLEASE INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION ON PUBLIC PROTESTS AGAINST THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS.

[1](#)C. (SBU) ARE THERE INDICATIONS OF INCREASED OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT BORDER CROSSINGS BETWEEN CENTRAL ASIAN STATES AND CHINA IN RESPONSE TO EVENTS IN URUMQI?

[1](#)2. (U) PLEASE CITE C-RE9-01741 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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